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## City of Montgomery Approved For Federal Funding To Improve Wastewater Collection System

**Morgantown, WV – February 22, 2006:** State Director Robert M. Steptoe, III, today announced that **Rural Development** approved a Water and Waste Disposal Loan of \$309,000 and Grant of \$1,000,300 for the City of Montgomery, Fayette County, WV.

Rural Development funds will be used to upgrade the existing wastewater treatment plant and to rehabilitate sections of the wastewater collection system. The improvements will specifically focus on problems with the mixers, the wash water system, the chlorinator system and the collection system.

Steptoe remarked, "These upgrades will benefit the City's 793 customers and improve their quality of life."

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